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TAGS: OVIP (NIXON, RICHARD M.) US, CH

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: VISIT TO PRC OF FORMER
PRESIDENT NIXON (S/S NO. 7603368)

REF: A. PEKING 250 B. PEKING 251

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HABIB

1. WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU PEKING 250 WHICH RAISED
SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT USLO PARTICIPATION IN FORMER
PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT, AND PEKING 251 WHICH SUGGESTED
SPECIAL ATTENTION TO PRC CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WHO IS COMING
TO US TO ESCORT THE FORMER PRESIDENT TO PRC.
2. IF YOU CONCUR, WE WILL SEND REPLY IN PARA 3 TO PEKING.
SUBSTANCE OF REPLY HAS BEEN CHECKED INFORMALLY WITH NSC.
3. BEGIN TEXT. DEPARTMENT CONCURS THAT USLO ACTING CHIEF
SHOULD BE AT AIRPORT FOR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF FORMER
PRESIDENT NIXON, AND CAN MAKE COURTESY OFFER OF USLO
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ASSISTANCE.

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- -REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT DINNERS, MEETINGS OR OTHER
FUNCTIONS, WE WISH TO LEAVE INITIATIVE ENTIRELY TO THE

FORMER PRESIDENT OR CHINESE. (WE DOUBT THEY WILL REQUEST
USLO PARTICIPATION.)

REGARDING REF B: WE APPRECIATE PROTOCOL CHIEF CHU
CHUAN-HSIEN'S RANK AND FACT THAT HE PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN
VISITS TO PRC BY PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY. HOWEVER, IN
VIEW PRIVATE NATURE OF NIXON TRIP AND SHORT TIME (THREE
HOURS) PLANE WILL BE ON GROUND IN CALIFORNIA, WE ARE
NOT PLANNING SPECIAL ATTENTION (E.G. SENDING SOMEONE FROM
WASHINGTON) BEYOND MAKING SURE NORMAL VIP COURTESIES ARE
EXTENDED UPON ARRIVAL. END TEXT

4. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO SEND PARA 3 REPLY TO
USLO.

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